

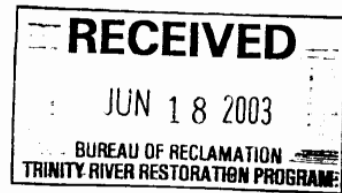
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VIA FAX

Mr. Douglas Schleusner, Executive Director

Trinity River Restoration Program

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Re: Trinity River Bridges Draft EA/EIR

Dear Mr. Schleusner:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF). NCCFFF represents the interests of thousands of individual fly anglers and approximately 30 angling clubs.

We fully support the Proposed Actions contained in the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment for the Trinity River Bridges Project. The Proposed Actions at each of the four bridges are critical to protect public health and safety, to improve the safety of Trinity Dam, and to allow higher water releases which are critically important for restoration of this fishery.

The Proposed Action also will provide for improved compliance with Trinity County's Floodplain Management Ordinance, Federal Executive Orders on Floodplain Management and Trinity County's Fire Safe Ordinance.

In general, we support public access to navigable waterways such as Trinity River, however, we do not support Alternative 2 at Salt Flat because it would require condemnation of private lands against the wishes of private property owners. To condemn private property would establish a bad precedent and could significantly reduce cooperation of private property owners in the Trinity River Basin.

NCCFFF strongly supports the proposed Trinity River Bridges Project reflected in the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment. Meaningful restoration efforts on the Trinity are long overdue.

Sincerely,

Robert N. Ferroggiaro

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RESPONSE TO COMMENT: 14

Federation of Fly Fishers (Robert N. Ferroggiaro)

14-a: Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted, and will be transmitted to the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors, and federal officials for their consideration in connection with the merits of the proposed project. No further response is required.